

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 - 11 and 14 - 18 are now in the case.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 2 - 4, 8, 10 and 13 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the structure of Claim 2, the latter having been canceled. Claims 3 - 10 depend either meditately or immediately from amended Claim 1.

Independent Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the structure of Claim 13 and formerly intervening Claim 12. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 14 - 18 depend either meditately or immediately from amended Claim 11.

All claims now in the case are believed to be clearly allowable. Passage of this application to issue is considered to be in order and is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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